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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARMS EMBARGO -- END USER CHECK TELEDYNE DIESEL ENGINES

REFERENCE: STATE 182234

1. EMBOFF HELD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT WITH GENERAL COMPONENTS DIRECTOR LOUIS OSSIP ON 13 AUGUST. OSSIP CONFIRMED THAT DESIGNER FOR OFF THE ROAD ORE CARRIERS TO BE POWERED BY TELEDYNE DIESELS IS METPRO DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (PTY.) LTD., 201 SENTRAKOR BUILDING, 173 PRETORIUS STREET, PRETORIA. METPRO MANAGING DIRECTOR IS J.H. BARNARD. OSSIP SAID THAT METPRO CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH ISCOR BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN RELATIONSHIP. VEHICLE BUILDER IS VETSAK CORPORATION, ISANDO, TRANSVAAL. VETSAK GENERAL MANAGER IS P.J. DE JAGER. OSSIP PROVIDED COPIES VETSAK ORDER FOR ENGINES AND PARTS TOGETHER WITH END-USE CERTIFICATION, SIGNED BY DE JAGER, STATING THAT ENGINES TO BE USED TO POWER OFF THE ROAD ORE AND EARTH MOVING VEHICLES AND WOULD NOT BE RE-EXPORTED. ACCORDING TO OSSIP, VETSAK ONE OF SA'S LARGEST "SPECIALIZED VEHICLE" MANUFACTURERS AND INCLUDES AMONG OTHER PRODUCTS FULL LINE FIAT TRACTORS.

2. CONGEN JOHANNESBURG ABLE CONFIRM SUBSTANCE OF OSSIP'S REMARKS RE BOTH METPRO AND VETSAK. ACCORDING THEIR INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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METPRO DESCRIBES ITSELF AS "DEVELOPMENT MECHANICAL ENGINEERS." MAIN

ACTIVITY IS MAKING BRAKE SHOES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND IT EVIDENTLY HAS CONTRACT SUPPLY NEARLY ALL SAR'S BRAKE SHOES (CAR, COACH AND LOCO). COMPANY ESTABLISHED 1968, HAS 135 EMPLOYEES AND A TURNOVER OF R1.2 MILLION. BANKERS ARE STANDARD BANK, CHURCH SQUARE, PRETORIA. ISCOR HOLDS SOME OF METPRO STOCK. COMPANY EXPORTS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN EUROPE.

3. ALSO FROM CONGEN JOHANNESBURG, VETSAK (VRYSTAAT TRANSVAALSE SENTRALE AANKOOKSKOOPERSIE) WAS ESTABLISHED 1950, HAS 565 EMPLOYEES. IT IS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE (ONE OF LARGEST IN SA WITH TURNOVER OF MANY MILLIONS) AND REPRESENTS FIAT-ALLIS, CRESCENT TOOLS AND OTHERS. BOTH METPRO AND VETSAK ARE VERY FAVORABLY REPORTED IN THE TRADE AND BY THEIR BANKERS.

4. AS INDICATED OUR EMBTEL 3579 ON SAME SUBJECT, UTILIZATION THESE ENGINES TO POWER ORE-CARRYING VEHICLES FOR ISCOR HAS PLAUSIBLE RING. ABOVE INFORMATION PLUS THAT PROVIDED BY TELEDYNE IS LICENSE APPLICATION TENDS FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE THIS CLAIM. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT LICENSE APPLICATION BE APPROVED WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIO THAT ENGINES NOT TO BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY USE AT ANY TIME NOW OR IN FUTURE. MILATT CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION WITH SUGGESTION THAT DEPARTMENT IMPRESS UPON APPROPRIATE LEVEL OFFICIAL SA EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT ENGINES MUST NOT BE DIVERTED MILITARY USE.

5. POUCHING DOCS CITED PARA 1 ABOVE.
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